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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Human Rights Letters to President Carter.

Our Embassy in Buenos Aires has forwarded 189 letters from mothers of children who have disappeared in Argentina. The mothers, who weekly meet in a central Buenos Aires Plaza, request the President's help in obtaining information about their children.

The names of many of the disappeared persons listed in the 189 letters have been communicated to the Argentine Government by the Embassy.

A draft letter for signature by a member of the White House staff is attached. (The general outline of the message was suggested by the Embassy in the attached Airgram).

If the draft letter is signed, it should be forwarded to the U.S. Embassy in Buenos Aires for presentation to the mothers of the disappeared children.

Jack Perry for
Peter Tarnoff
Executive Secretary

Attachment:
1 - Draft Letter
2 - Airgram

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Mesdames the Representatives of
"The Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo"
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Dear Ladies:

I have been asked to respond to the letters which you sent to President Carter through the United States Embassy in Buenos Aires.

Thank you very much for your confidence in informing the President of your problem. I sincerely hope that it will be resolved favorably so that as many of you as possible will be reunited with your children.

Sincerely,